

IDEA 0306-11/73
Copy 5 of 6

26 November 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Carrier Qualifications for Project Pilots

1. Project pilots [redacted] carrier qualified on the USS Lexington off Pensacola, Florida on 21 November 1973. [redacted] received two touch-and-go landings and one arrested landing. [redacted] received two touch-and-go landings and three arrested landings. Poor weather conditions in the Pensacola area precluded the pilots from receiving the normal number of landings (two touch-and-go and four arrested).

25X1

25X1

25X1

2. To improve the present carrier training capability and in view of the non-availability of the USS Lexington until completion of her overhaul in May 1974, it is recommended that consideration be given to having all project pilots make low approaches to a San Diego based aircraft carrier. Low approaches in the U-2 to a carrier is considered to be the next best method of maintaining a carrier capability other than arrested landings.

25X1

[redacted]
Chief, Intelligence Division
Office of Special Activities

25X1

INTEL/O/OSA [redacted] (26 Nov 73)
Distribution:

- #1 - INTEL/O/OSA
- 2 - D/SA
- 3 - D/O
- 4 - IDEA
- 5 - INTEL
- 6 - RB

[redacted]
25X1